

Minutes of the Kearns Community Council – Public Meeting February 2, 2016

Call to Order – The regular public meeting of the Kearns Community Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at the Kearns Library.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Joey Seipert, Troop 641

Roll Call – Roger Snow, Jana Helsten, Steve Perry, Al Peterson and Paula Larsen were present. Kathy Larrabee, Kent Markus and Glenn Gustafson were excused absent. Zach was absent.

Councilwoman Jana Helsten substituted as Secretary for Councilwoman Kathy Larrabee as she was absent.

Minutes: The minutes for December 1, 2015 were read and approved. The January 5, 2016 minutes were tabled. for the Executive Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Vote: (5) yea, (0) nay, (0) abstain. Passed

Citizen Input -

Representative Dunnigan

- Talked about UDOT putting in a overpass at the intersection of 5400 South and Bangerter Highway like the one on 7800 South and Bangerter. There will be a study done this year and construction will start sometime in 2017. Study also being done to see if there is a better way to flow traffic through this area.
- Rep. Dunnigan also discussed that to help with clean air we can replace our old water heaters for new ones that are more efficient.
- Health Care Bill – will provide full coverage for lower income residents. Medicaid benefits will pay Doctors 50% more. This is an incentive for Doctors to treat people with Medicaid. Lower co-pays for people using Medicaid.
- Kory Renwick – a Kearns resident talked about the volunteer tax program at Kearns Jr. High. She asked if KCC could sponsor the VIDA program and if we could advertise this program on our Facebook page.

Public Reports -

- UPD – Chief Anjewierden was excused. Lt. Mazuran reported for him The Mouse Pad has had warrants issued and is still under investigation.
- Detective Angel reported that in December they had 1,620 calls in the Kearns area. Reminded us to not leave our cars unattended and to keep them locked up. The UPD Youth Academy starts March 2, 2016. Asked if KCC could donate \$500.00 again to help off set the cost of food for the program. Looking for 40 students between the ages of 15-18 years old. The program is once a week and 3 hours per session, lasting for 6 weeks. Most meetings will be held at the Utah Olympic Oval.
- Detective Dallof said that the fliers for the Youth Academy should be done soon. He is streamlining the information so all correspondence can be done through email. This program is on a first come first served. If for any reason that anyone drops out, those who are on the waiting list will have the opportunity to participate.
- Murals – possible mural on train trestle and Bruce Field. Looking into beefing up fencing on train trestle. Maybe put the history of Kearns in a mural along with putting a digital media board on trestle also.
- Spring UPD Citizens Academy – Starts February 25 – May 5, 2016. Looking for 2 people per area. This session will be on Thursday nights and the times are from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm.
- Councilman Larsen said that Miss Kearns will also donate funds to the Youth Academy.

A motion was made to donate \$400.00 to the Youth Academy to help pay for the food. The motion was adopted.

Kearns Recreation Center – Dave Young

- Jr. Jazz finishing up. They had 600 children enrolled in the program. The soccer program is now starting.

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 26, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at the Oquirrh Park west of the skate park.
- KCC will renew sponsorship \$400.00 for the Kearns Recreation Center Easter Egg Hunt. A motion was made to donate \$400.00 to the Kearns Rec. Center for the Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was adopted.

KOPFC – Jeff Perry

- The 50th Annual Swim meet was held recently.
- Christmas in Color was a huge success.

Utah Olympic Oval -

- Kate Pridgen is no longer with the Oval. Jennifer Lowe will be our temporary point of contact.

Kearns Library – Jennifer Fay

- Is working hard for a new library. Where will it go? Discussion about turning the new library into a Community Gathering Place.
- Tax forms – There are a few tax forms available. It has been recommended to do taxes online.
- The Library has fliers for the VIDA program.
- Youth Court – Youth from Kearns/Magna are trying to keep peers out of the courts. This is a teen peer led program. They have had 2 teens referred so far. Program coming along and has a lot of support. It serves teens from 9th - 12th grade. Still need more teens from Kearns to participate.
- There will be Youth Court Training in St. George.
- Need volunteers to help serve snacks at the Kid's Cafe in the Library. It runs every Monday – Thursday 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM , and every Friday 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM. Asking volunteers to help just one day a week.
- There are a lot of classes going on this month.

Kearns Senior Center – Tim Tomer

- The Seniors are going to Wendover on Monday February 8. They have a bus that can pick residents up at their home if needed.
- AARP is doing taxes for free for resident 65 years old and up.
- Wii program tournament going on at Senior Center.
- Senior Day at the Legislature is coming up.

Alison Weyher – SLCo

- Kearns will get a second neighborhood clean up in the fall and Township Services will pay for it. Trailers will be provided as requested or needed. The regular scheduled clean up will be in the Spring. Areas that need the most help will get the trailers first.
- The County is doing a survey on the Camp Kearns site to see where the roads are supposed to be. The plans for the new roads should be done by the end of summer 2016. They will be up to code when they are done. With real roads put in that gives Kearns the opportunity to bring in new businesses and improvements to the Camp Kearns site.
- Looking at the possibility of businesses on Cougar Lane including a hotel. Councilwoman Paula Larsen questioned whether it could be sustained and not be a burden upon the community. Alison said that there are studies that say it could sustain itself. Councilwoman Larsen stated that she would like to see further studies.
- UDOT is looking into making pedestrian crossing safer at the intersection of 5400 South and 4015 West.
- UDOT wants to expand the lanes by the train bridge to 10 lanes with a bike lane and pedestrian lane. It would go from Northwest Ave. to Cougar Lane (4800 West). \$600,000.00 in grant funds to look at expanding pedestrian walkway.
- The Master plan for Oquirrh Park – Make this a community amenity. Add more group areas, picnic tables, make more user and family friendly. Provide ancillary facilities, support retail, food, hotel for long term visitors.

- Develop a Community Group – Community Campus off 5400 South with the Library, Unified Police Station, Unified Fire Station, Day Care, and out side space. Use a municipal bond to fund this project. MSD cannot use their funding.
- Kearns will host Stage 4 of the Tour of Utah on August 4, 2016. Laurie Stringham is heading up the volunteer list for the race.

Representative Eric Hutchings Spoke about the fact that there is lots happening in Kearns this year.

- Rep. Hutchings talked about continuing the long term lease with the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center (KOPFC) and the Utah Olympic Oval. The Oval is the most successful post Olympic venue ever. The State is working hard to keep the facilities ready for next Olympics.
- He also talked about the fact that the KOPFC and the Oval were always meant to be connected but because of budget issues it was never done. The Oval is the home for the short and long track speed-skaters. US Speed-skating wants to move to Kearns. With this move this will change the status of the Oval from a Training site to a Training Center. This will also allow speed-skating to have a permanent home.

*8:05 pm. Councilman Peterson motioned to extend the meeting to 8:25 pm. A motion was made and adopted.

- The Design stage for the expansion is open. What does it look like? There is State funding as well as TRCC funding \$3 million, Mayor McAdams added \$1 million to expansion project.
- Partnerships – KOPFC owns the land but there is still discussions on who will manage the funds. With this expansion it allows Speed-skating space, Kearns Community Council and Kearns Community Space, and Fitness Center Space. Rep. Hutchings recommended that we visit the Jewish Community Center for ideas on what we want our space to look like. GSBS Architects have already been secured to design this project. They are just waiting for the KCC to tell them what they want their space to look like. This is intended to be a Community Space. We have \$4 million in the bank for us to use. This will not be a financial burden on the community. Kearns is finally getting the attention we have asked for for years.
- As part of the Master Plan the sidewalk on the south west side of Northwest Ave. will finally be finished and we should start seeing some new street lights.

In the interest of time Chair Steve Perry motioned that we table the rest of the agenda until the next meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2016. The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Councilwoman Jana Helsten
Secretary pro tem